

Appl. No. 10/665,008
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REMARKS

The Official Action is an election requirement in which it is urged that the application contains claims directed to the following allegedly patentably distinct species: claims 175, 180-188, 193, 198 and 200. It is further indicated that claim 175 is found to be generic. Applicants elect the species/ligand "methylene blue" shown in Figure 8b, in accordance with the requirement to identify a specific compound as set forth in the Official Action. Methylene blue is included in structural formula (II) in claim 200. This election is made without traverse and includes the right to have considered a reasonable number of specie claims with the allowance of a generic claim.

The application contains claims 175-210 under examination. Claims 175-179 and 200-210 are readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions at a later time.

In view of the election of the species of methylene blue, without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits of the claims readable on the elected invention is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

In this regard, the prior art of record in the present application which is a continuation of a PCT application in which there was an International Search as well as the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith or very shortly after the filing of this response should be fully considered and made of record.

Applicants have also amended the claims to more particularly define the invention in to correct an obvious typographical error with respect to claim 179.

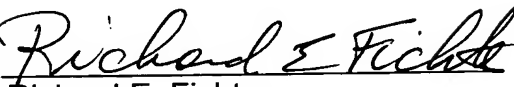
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